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Senate Quick Hits

• A resolution commending the late Robert Chase Campbell recognizing his life and expressing profound sadness in his death was unanimously passed.

• Doug Feherman was appointed as Sergeant at Arms.

— Compiled by Kara Apel

Gamecock goes abroad

New Zealand provides plenty of excitement, fun

Crissy Lavery
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

This past week was my spring break and I got to go to one of the most beautiful countries in the world, New Zealand.

I went with a friend and we flew into Christchurch and then took a six-hour bus ride to Queenstown. Six hours seems to be like a long bus ride, but when driving through beautiful scenery it isn't long at all.

Queenstown is located on the south island of New Zealand and is one of the most popular places for visitors. I understood why right when I stepped off the bus.

Crystal clear Lake Wakatipu, the third largest lake in New Zealand, was surrounded by beautiful mountains and blue skies. The beauty of the scenery was surreal.

Queenstown is not only known for its beauty but its also known for the many outdoor activities it has to offer.

In 1988, it introduced the world to bungee jumping. Although the thought of bungee jumping scares the daylights out of me, and before this trip I swore I would never do it, I did it.

I jumped off the highest jump in New Zealand at 134 meters high. Of course, I didn't know it was the highest jump in New Zealand until I hopped on the bus that took us to where we would jump. Although I was completely terrified the whole time, it was an indescribable experience.

Bungee jumping may have been the most extreme experience I had, but it definitely wasn't the only exciting one.

We also went on a "Lord of the Rings" tour that took us to many of the places the movie was actually shot.

We went rafting on the Shotover River, rode the Queenstown Skyline Gondola and enjoyed a huge ride at the top of Bob's Peak.

Being in the land of the kiwis (the bird, not the fruit)

SJSU blood drives suspended

FDA policy affecting gay men violates non-discrimination code

Jenny Sinkoe
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

San Jose State University suspended campus blood drives in January due to a Food and Drug Administration blood deferral policy that affects gay men, said Pat Harris, the head of media relations for the California school.

In a letter written by Don Kassing, the university's president, to the SJSU community, he said the suspension was made because the policy violated the university's non-discrimination policy.

Harris said the issue was first looked at when an employee filed a complaint with the school. She said students are still encouraged to donate blood off campus.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, five to seven percent of American men claim to be men who have sex with men, or MSM.

The FDA policy says that any man who has had sex with another man, even once, since 1977, cannot donate blood because of their increased risk for HIV, hepatitis B and other infections that may be transmitted through transfusion.

Owen McKagen, president of the Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Alliance at USC, said the organization believes the regulation also directly violates USC's non-discrimination policy, which in addition to protecting many other issues, protects against discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"I think it is extremely ignorant of the university to allow such blatant discrimination on campus," McKagen said.

McKagen said he doesn't want USC to suspend all blood drives, but that he does encourage the university to put pressure on the FDA and American Red Cross to change the policy.

According to McKagen, if anyone were to claim that the FDA regulation defied the non-discrimination policy, USC administration would be forced to take action.

According to the American Red Cross of



Drew Mendoza / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

USC students line up outside the Red Cross Blood Drive bus to sign up to give blood.

Columbia, the blood from every donation is tested for HIV and hepatitis B as well as many other infections.

"In addition to the blood that is taken for donation, a tube sample is collected and sent for testing," said Rhonda O'Banion, spokeswoman for the American Red Cross of Columbia. "All blood donations are tested."

The FDA claims that tests fail to detect less than one in a million HIV infected donors. For this reason, the policy was reinstated in May 2007.

O'Banion said that the American Red Cross of Columbia has no control over the restriction placed by the FDA.

"Our top priority is safety of the recipient and of the donor," O'Banion said. "We support any

policy that will protect this safety and we believe it is critical to enforce these policies fairly."

According to McKagen, the group that HIV is spreading fastest in over the past decade is African American women.

"HIV is no longer spreading the fastest among gay men, making this policy even more offensive," McKagen said. "If they are going to place these kinds of restrictions on one group, they should consider all groups with high rates of HIV."

Harris said it was important for young adults to be giving blood.

"The FDA is causing college-age kids to lose confidence, and we need our young adults," Harris said.

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James Stachowiak rallies on the State House steps.

Legislators tentatively agree on immigration

Speculative proposal may end debate over employment reform

Seanna Adcox
The Associated Press

Governments and businesses would have to verify their employees are legally in the U.S. under a tentative agreement reached Wednesday by a House and Senate panel.

The proposal signals the end may be near for South Carolina's passionate, two-year debate on immigration reform that has seen one supporter stomp on a Mexican flag at the Statehouse and drawn claims of unfair treatment from immigrants.

Proponents of tougher

immigration laws say they are needed to protect jobs and keep other illegals from flocking to South Carolina. Opponents argued illegal immigrants are good for the state's economy.

The House and Senate offered competing proposals and members of both chambers had to work out the differences using a conference committee.

Under the compromise, public agencies and businesses with public contracts would have to check employees' legal status with a driver's license or a federal Internet-based program. Private businesses could use a third option, the federal Employment

Meyers pitches Lubuto

President of library project discusses tasks, goals of work in Africa

Sierra Kelly
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

As a part of I-Comm week, The School of Journalism and Mass Communications welcomed Wednesday a woman who has dedicated her life to teaching African children how to read.

Jane Kinney Meyers, founder and president of Lubuto project discussed how she has promoted education for impoverished African children.

According to a news release, Meyers, talked about the library projects she has worked on in Malawi and Zambia, and her life and work in Africa.

Meyers said her goals for the project are to increase general knowledge, literacy and self-esteem among African children. She said children use the library as a source of information to learn about the world.

"How can you take a book home if you don't have a home to take it to," Meyers said.

The services the Lubuto Library provides are reading, art, motivational mentoring drama, storytelling, health and HIV/AIDS prevention, environment, oral culture



Special to THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Jane Meyers spoke Wednesday as part of I-Comm week.

preservation, bookmaking and photography in nature.

One of Meyers' students in Zambia, Kenny Hau, shared his feelings on her project.

"When I see Jane Meyers, I always smile because she taught me to read," Hau said.

Travis Ferrell, president of the Library and Information Science Student Association said

Meyers has discussed her work building libraries for street children in Africa, mainly HIV/AIDS orphans.

"HIV/AIDS has played a major role in orphaning children in Africa," Ferrell said. "Lubuto's efforts focus on providing safe

educational spaces for these children."

Ferrell said the spread of libraries would improve the literacy rate for children in Africa.

"Children who use Lubuto libraries will most likely not have access to other educational institutions of formal schooling," Ferrell said. He said creating learning spaces for street children in Africa can provide many personal and educational opportunities, such as improving the African literacy rate.

Ferrell said the first Lubuto library opened last fall in Lusaka, Zambia. He said the Lubuto Library

Local

People as young as 18 can now buy and own handguns in South Carolina.

Gov. Mark Sanford signed a bill into law Wednesday to lower the minimum age from 21.

“People who are old enough to fight and die in the military should be able to purchase handguns, and the bill will put our laws more in line with those of other states,” Sanford spokesman Joel Sawyer said.

The law went into effect immediately.

South Carolina is one of 18 states — and the only one in the South — that had set 21 as the age for handgun ownership, according to the National Rifle Association. The group says Wyoming has no handgun age requirement. In Montana, it’s set at 14; in Vermont, 16.

Rep. Mike Pitts, a Laurens Republican and retired police officer, had filed the bill to help out a national gun wholesaler located in Lexington County where employees younger than 21 were filling orders over the phone. A legal opinion by state Attorney General Henry McMaster had said that was not allowed because of their age and Pitts argued it would cost half the company’s workers their jobs.

National

WAYCROSS, Ga. — Allegations that third-graders hatched an elaborate plot to knock out, handcuff and stab their teacher were met with shock by neighbors and with doubt by psychiatry experts who said it is unlikely that children that young seriously intended to hurt anyone.

Police say the plot at Center Elementary School began because the children, ages 8 to 10, were apparently angry after the teacher disciplined one of the students for standing on a chair.

Students brought a crystal paperweight, a steak knife with a broken handle, steel handcuffs and other items as part of last week’s plot, police said Tuesday. They said nine students were involved, but prosecutors are seeking juvenile charges against only three of them.

Experts said children that age are certainly imaginative and capable of creating elaborate games. But Dr. Louis Kraus, a child psychiatry expert at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, said he doubts they would have actually attacked.

“The reality is it is highly unlikely they would have been successful at this,” Kraus said. “Even if it had begun, it’s unclear whether they actually would have followed through with it.”

Most premeditated acts of student violence in schools usually don’t occur until high school, Kraus said. Younger children have been known to bring knives or other weapons to school, experts said, but often it’s more a matter of showing off or acting tough than part of a deliberate assault attempt. Police said the plot had been organized enough that some students were assigned specific roles such as covering classroom windows and cleaning up any mess. Most children under the age of 12 don’t generally experience the kind of long-standing anger necessary for a premeditated crime, said Dan Mears, an associate professor at Florida State University’s College of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

World

HAVANA — It’s not the stuff of Lenin or Marx, or even of Fidel Castro, but it’s hardly free-market capitalism, either. In fact, steps to encourage a Cuban spending spree may help the communist system and its new president survive.

In rapid-fire decrees over the past week, Raul Castro’s government has done away with some despised restrictions, lifting bans on electric appliances, microwaves and computers, inviting average citizens to enter long-forbidden resorts and declaring they can even legally have their own cell phones.

More could be on the way. Rumors are rampant the government could ease travel restrictions and tolerate free enterprise that would let more people start their own small businesses. And hopes that it will tweak the dual-currency system that puts foreign products out of reach for most Cubans have sparked a run on the peso.

“We’re going to get out and buy more and more,” said retiree Roberto Avila. “That’s the future in Cuba, and it is a strong future.”

Cuba is still far from a buyers’ paradise. Nearly everyone holds government jobs, earning an average of \$19.50 a month, though many get dollars from tourism jobs or relatives abroad. It would take the average Cuban five months to earn enough to buy a low-end DVD player that an American could buy with five hours of minimum-wage work.

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PIC OF THE DAY



Lizzy Sheppard / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Students admire the various shirts, decorated by different students, set up on Greene Street this afternoon that represent various types of domestic violence.

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we also visited the Kiwi Wildlife Park and saw the unique birds. You can’t go to New Zealand and not see kiwis.

When we left Queenstown we took about a 12-hour bus ride back to Christchurch that stopped in Mt. Cook for a few hours. Mt. Cook is

New Zealand’s highest mountain and the only one that has snow on it this time of year.

Everything you look at in New Zealand is eye candy; it is amazing.

I wish I hadn’t overlooked New Zealand when I decided to Study Abroad. I love Brisbane and living in Australia but New Zealand has a lot to offer, too.

The food is better, prices are cheaper and the U.S. dollar is worth even more in New Zealand than it is in Australia.

It’s definitely a place I highly recommend visiting if one ever gets the chance, and definitely a place I hope to visit again.

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employees are authorized to work in the country.

Critics argue the form spurs illegal immigration because federal law doesn't require verification of the documents used to complete it.

Sanford and others have claimed this third method will allow illegal workers to get away with using fake documents. Sen. Jim Ritchie, head of the conference committee, believes their worries are addressed by part of the compromise that says any business owner who knowingly hires an illegal immigrant could be charged with filing a false statement, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Also under the compromise, local governments could pass immigration laws as long as they don't violate federal law or conflict with state law.

House leaders and state Chamber of Commerce officials had argued that allowing a hodgepodge of rules across the state would be unfair to businesses and confusing for law enforcement.

Gov. Mark Sanford backs giving local governments the authority.

"We're encouraged that the conference committee is moving forward. Two of the markers the governor laid out were the idea of a strong verification system for private employers, and the idea of home rule," said Sanford spokesman Joel Sawyer. "We're going to be taking a close look at this new version."

South Carolina legislators, like many other state lawmakers, have blasted Congress for their inability to pass federal immigration reform, saying their failure has forced them to do what they can to protect South Carolina workers.

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Project plans to build at least 100 libraries in sub-Saharan Africa.

Talia Corley, president of the Lubuto Library College chapter and a fourth-year psychology student, said she has done a lot of work for the event and intended to bring some topics to discuss in the chapter's meetings. Corley said she was excited to meet Meyers.

Casey Rigby, vice president of Lubuto Library College Chapter and a third-year anthropology and history student, said the organization is having a 10K run/walk to raise money for the organization

on April 12 at 10 a.m.

Shelley Hollstead, a second-year exercise science student, said libraries are a great way to help others.

"Being in the public health area this is a great way to help others," Hollstead said. "I wish I had the guts and strength to do something like that and to help so many people in need."

Christine Carlson, fourth-year public relations student, said it is a really good opportunity for the

children.

"I think any chance they have to gain literacy and learn knowledge is definitely going to benefit the country in the long run and help these children to be more educated," Carlson said. "They can take the knowledge that they get from this into their futures."

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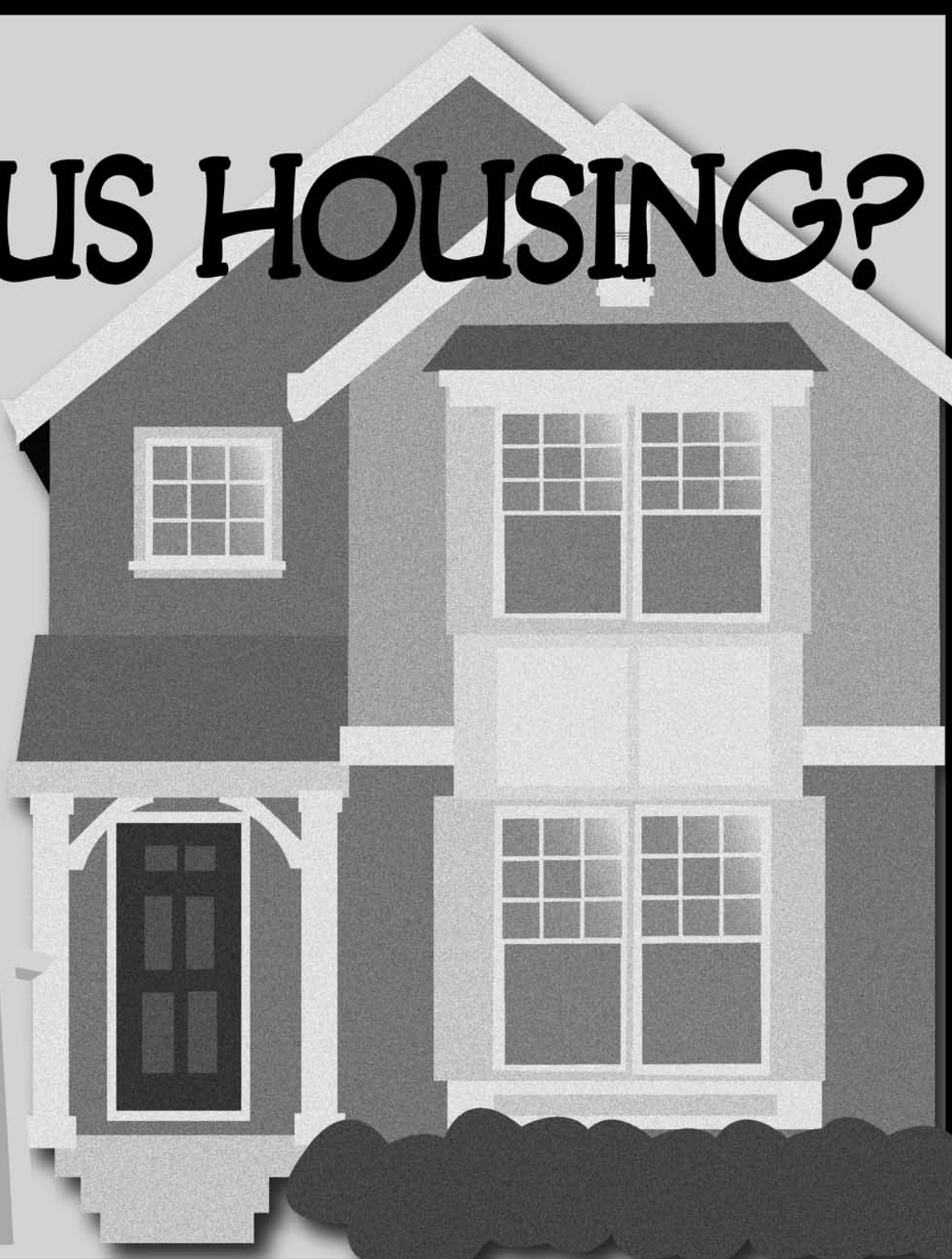
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IN OUR OPINION

Saving lives outweighs oversensitive agenda

San Jose State’s decision to suspend on-campus blood drives because of the FDA’s “discriminatory” donor screening policy represents political correctness at its worst.

The Red Cross, under FDA regulations, does not allow men who have had sex with other men since 1977 to donate blood because of the increased risk of HIV infection. San Jose State’s administration took issue with this policy and decided that if gay men can’t give blood on campus, no one can.

Anything the FDA can do to make blood transfusions safer helps.

At first blush, the rule that keeps gay men from giving blood seems to stem from the fears of the mid-1980s, when the public saw AIDS as a plague against homosexuality. But today, the disproportionate transmission rates continue; a 2005 FDA survey spanning 33 states found that 53 percent of all the new cases that year were gay men, despite the fact that they comprise only 5 to 7 percent of the population.

This is not to say that they are the only people who contract the disease (the percentage of cases in women is rising steadily), but anything the FDA can do to make blood transfusions safer helps.

San Jose State is putting a political agenda in front of a program that keeps people from dying. When the right to give blood in the face of irrefutable statistical evidence takes priority over saving lives, your value system is broken.

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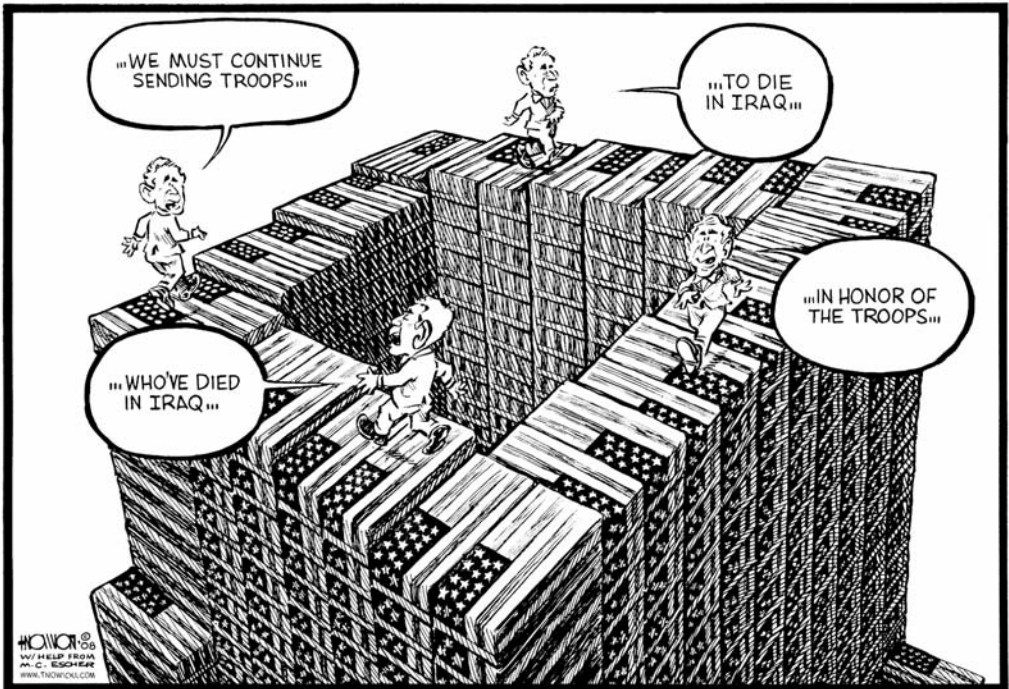
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MALUCK OR NO LUCK?

Right, wrong blurry in corporate eye

Woman hit by Wal-Mart truck sued for settlement monies despite condition

Figuring out the “right thing to do” can be tricky when money and courts are involved. Here’s an example.

In a nutshell: In May of 2000, Debrah Shank, an insured employee of Wal-Mart, was hit by one of its 18-wheelers on the highway. The trucking company and the Shank family settled in 2002, and the remaining \$417,000 (after legal fees) was put into a trust fund to keep the Shanks afloat. Shank needs the money, too: the collision left her in a wheelchair and brain damaged to the point of a severely limited short-term memory.

A clause in Shank’s health insurance contract states that Wal-Mart is entitled to sue back for damages used for medical expenses that they lost in a lawsuit, and Wal-Mart did sue, for \$470,000. Shank’s family only has \$277,000 remaining in the trust fund after incurring costs that include placing Shank in a nursing home.

Statements from Wal-Mart acknowledge the unusual circumstances of



THOMAS MALUCK
Fourth-year English student

years after the initial settlement, and fighting through several appeals.

The first reaction I witness from people hearing this story is to decry it as more evidence of Wal-Mart’s evilness. They hit a woman with a truck, effectively destroying her life, and now they want to bankrupt her family? Shank’s husband is recovering from prostate cancer, and her son is college age — they’d have financial woes even if this sad incident never happened. Wal-Mart’s sitting on billions of dollars in profit every year — can’t they make exceptions for cases like this?

Then there’s the other side of the coin: Shank’s and her lawyers’ responsibilities. If the Shanks could use every penny, why did her lawyers charge tens of thousands of dollars? Why didn’t

Shank’s case, but claim they are obligated to recoup their insurance losses in order to be fair to everyone in the company’s insurance plan. This includes suing the Shanks

Shank read her insurance policy more carefully or choose a “less evil” plan elsewhere? Is it Wal-Mart’s or any wealthy entity’s responsibility to give money to every person in dire straits?

From what I understand, Wal-Mart is fully within their legal rights to protect their money, and they should. There is no shortage of false accusers and ambulance-chasers just waiting for spilled milk in the aisle to turn into a fat settlement. In that regard, Wal-Mart’s miserly policies make sense.

But I also pity Wal-Mart, because human greed, corporate and otherwise, has rendered the company in moral poverty. Shank didn’t simply sprain her ankle — she’s done. While Wal-Mart could front Shank’s medical bills, they’d have to make an exception for every copycat case that’s a smaller degree of tragedy and a greater degree of avarice.

If anyone in a position of leadership at Wal-Mart feels morally constrained, however, they should feel free to act out of charity or establish new rules in Shank’s memory. Corporate rules don’t have to dictate personal principles.

Transgender bigotry far too common

Recent controversy shows many do not understand contrast in sex, gender

There’s been a lot of controversy recently over the transgendered man who is pregnant. I don’t have much of a strong opinion on the issue either way; I’m inclined to abide by a “live and let live” philosophy. But I have seen an alarming amount of transphobia in the wake of that story, and that is something I feel strongly about.

Being transgendered has nothing to do with sexual orientation. While gender identity can certainly play into how someone sexually relates to others, the two are still separate categories of a person’s total identity. Sex is also distinct from gender, as the former is defined by biology where the latter is largely a social construct.

While most societies operate on a binary system (male and female), others recognize the existence of a third gender: someone who is neither a man nor a woman, or someone who is entirely independent



KIMI TIMMERS
Third-year print journalism student

of those categories. A relatively well-known example is the hijras of India, individuals who were either born intersexed or male, but present in feminine

ways and do not adhere to the gender binary.

Most people are cisgendered — they identify with the sex they were born as — and thus don’t think deeply on issues of gender identity and the confusion that it brings some people. No one is required to delve into the subject. But common courtesy and respect should be given to those who identify outside the binary system, or those who seek to match their bodies with their internal identity. Referring to transgendered people with the pronouns of their birth sex is not only incorrect, but often insulting.

There seems to be a disturbing implication that transgendered people

pursue hormone treatment and surgery as if it’s a whim. Transitioning is not cheap, and it’s also far from a perfect process. Like all surgeries, it has risks, and the results may not always be what the patient desired.

Additionally, there have been studies that indicate the brains of transgendered individuals are similar to those of the opposite sex. Given the evidence of a biological basis, the expense of treatment and the potential alienation of friends and family, I don’t think transgendered individuals would do this for fun.

I don’t claim to know what the transgendered experience is like. I can’t imagine feeling like I was born in the wrong body, and I can’t imagine the ignorance and disrespect many of these individuals have to face in their journey to self-fulfillment. But what I can do is be aware of their struggles and be supportive, because at the end of the day, it really doesn’t matter to me what they do with their own bodies.

America in need of facts concerning REAL ID

Act hidden in legislation lacks transparency, must be cautiously examined

Our country has been overwhelmed with fear for almost seven years. In that time, many laws have been passed to make us safer. Some were effective, some were



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not and still others chipped steadily away at our rights. On the positive side, at least we knew about these laws, through either the government or the media. But both the media and government

utterly disappoint when they fail to keep the public informed.

Governor Sanford stood up for the rights of South Carolina citizens last week in his opposition to the REAL ID Act. We now have an 18-month extension before we must comply with the act’s requirements, but this act should not be forced upon any state.

The public knows miserably little about this controversial act. This lack of knowledge stems from how the act was passed; the program was forced into the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror and Tsunami Relief in 2005, a vitally important bill. Because of this, lawmakers did not have the time they needed to examine the act closely and debate about it fully.

What I know about the REAL ID Act comes from frustrating and confusing research. It is virtually impossible to find any straightforward, factual reports of what the act will do that are not muddled with legal jargon. What I have managed to find is utterly disturbing.

The act is an “unfunded mandate,” meaning that the states will be the ones responsible for paying the projected \$14 billion in costs. I have seen this act called a hidden tax increase, but it also could increase the cost of a license.

Others in opposition to the act say that it is bringing us closer and closer to a surveillance society, drawing numerous comparisons to George Orwell’s 1984. The REAL ID has been called an internal passport. We have licenses and we have passports; the two documents are different for a reason.

It is greatly irresponsible of the federal government to claim that these IDs will prevent terrorism without issuing proof. Giving someone a valid REAL ID does not mean that he or she means no harm to this country or its people.

The REAL ID Act was hastily passed without proper deliberation. Now is the time to change that. As Americans, we are owed a full explanation. Considering the economic pressures and threats to our privacy, that is the least that our elected lawmakers can do. Just because it is within the government’s rights to pass this act does not mean that they should.

‘Fatboy’ eats it on big screen

Pegg’s newest movie fails to deliver more than small laughs, smaller fulfillment

"Run, Fatboy, Run"
★★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆

Thomas Maluck
MOVIE REVIEWER

Congratulations are in order for first-time movie director David Schwimmer, who has affirmed his place in Hollywood as the go-to man for mediocre comedies that balance gross-out (but never obscene) gags with endearing (but never clever) characters.

Simon Pegg, despite playing the skinny counterpart to Nick Frost’s chubbier roles in the films “Shaun of the Dead” and “Hot Fuzz,” plays fatboy Dennis. He left his pregnant fiancée Libby (Thandie Newton) five years ago at the altar, but they keep in touch while Dennis plays a

visiting role in raising their son.

Hank Azaria plays Whit, the stereotypical “accomplished jerk” who has the money and security that the under-achieving Dennis can’t offer. Dennis feels his connection to his family about to break when Whit woos Libby, so he decides to run in a Nike river marathon to convince her he’s changed.

Audiences already know Dennis will triumph in the end and get his wife and son back. The story’s more important than the ending, but there’s barely enough material to make a feature-length movie. “Run Fatboy Run” feels more like a season finale of “Friends” than anything worth the price of a theater ticket. If only there were commercial breaks and a laugh track, this could have been shown for free.

Pegg and comedian Michael Ian Black wrote



Ollie Upton / MCT Campus

Simon Pegg stars as Dennis in the new comedy “Run Fatboy Run” directed by David Schwimmer of “Friends.”

the screenplay, but there’s a curious lack of jokes or even originality. Schwimmer focuses on characters’ reactions to minute punchlines as if to remind the audience that something funny happened. While Dennis has a couple of friends to help him train for the marathon, their presence is as interesting as the movie’s montage footage of London. If you have never seen so much as a photo of

London, the shots of the city will occupy you, but still not entertain. If you are new to humor, you might chuckle a little, but not the second time around.

The movie’s second wind, however, comes in Pegg and Azaria’s acting. Pegg manages to act his lazy, afraid character into a loveable underdog, nearly saving the movie during the final act’s half-dozen “can he go the distance?” moments.

Azaria is fun to watch, if only because he generates some sort of tension in the movie as a romantic and athletic rival. Without him, the movie is about Dennis and his handful of friends getting along just fine, including a batch of ethnic stereotypes named Mr. Ghoshdashtidar. Libby, however, is the worst stereotype: a one-dimensional trophy to be won. No matter who wins,

she will smile warmly and pat her son’s head, because that is all she can do.

I wonder if the bank teller who cashed Mr. Black’s check knew why he was laughing. I wonder how Pegg felt acting out the bland lines he wrote for himself. I don’t wonder which landfill this stinker’s DVD copies will occupy by next year.

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April fool’s prank leaves many gamers upset over Zelda hoax

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGR6eeB37cw>

Robert Johnson
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

On April 1st, it briefly seemed like many geeks’ dreams would come true. An announcement was made that a new movie adaptation of the Nintendo video game The Legend of Zelda would be released in 2009. Even more surprising was that it was going to be a live action movie, and it would follow the plotline of the successful Nintendo 64 installment, the Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time. The teaser was visually of respectable quality; at least, as far as video game movies go. It did not take long for the trailer to hit YouTube, racking up more than 60,000 hits easily.

Of course, not all gamers were tricked by the fake movie trailer.

IGN.com, a gaming



and entertainment Web site currently celebrating its tenth anniversary, released the trailer as an elaborate April fool’s joke. Many recognized the trick when they noticed IGN’s logo on the trailer. The organization is not known for making movies, and it hardly could afford to make one anyway. The trailer alone must have been expensive, but it certainly accomplished its job. In just a couple days, the false advertisement generated

nearly 2,000 comments on YouTube alone. Users excitedly debated its authenticity or argued about how great or terrible it would be.

This might be this year’s greatest April fool’s prank of 2008, so it was only natural that we at The Daily Gamecock honor such a worthy joke as this week’s YouTube video of the week.

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Singer ousts Elvis from No. 1 chart

Mariah Carey breaks Presley record, second only to Beatles now

Nekesa Mumbi Moody
MCT Campus

LOS ANGELES — With her 18th chart-topper “Touch My Body,” Mariah Carey has passed Elvis Presley for the most No. 1 singles on the Billboard Hot 100, and is now second only to the Beatles.

But while the diva was in full celebration mode after learning of her latest milestone, she was also quick

to put her accomplishment in perspective.

“I really can never put myself in the category of people who have not only revolutionized music but also changed the world,” Carey told The Associated Press on Tuesday via phone from London. “That’s a completely different era and time ... I’m just feeling really happy and grateful.”

Carey’s single is the new No. 1 single on Billboard’s Hot 100 singles chart: The song also is No. 1 on the trade magazine’s digital download chart thanks to a precedent-setting 286,000 downloads in its debut week. She had been tied

with Presley with 17 No. 1 singles; the Beatles are the all-time leaders with 20. (Madonna also beat a Presley record this week, surpassing the King for the most top 10 hits with her 37th for her hit “4 Minutes.”)

Carey said being in such company was gratifying not only because of her personal success, but what it meant for women and minorities.

“For me, in my mind the accomplishment is just that much sweeter,” she said. “In terms of my ethnicity, always feeling like an outsider, always feeling

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Keri Goff / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Brand-new Tabu Nightlife offers a good dancing environment on Fridays and Saturdays.

Tabu offers new life

Club struggles to attract college crowd despite exciting atmosphere

Zach Lamb
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Tabu Nightlife, the new club that opened in the Vista in the same location of the former Club Ra, has been open now for a little over a month. Even with a jaw-dropping grand opening weekend including appearances from Playboy Playmates and the ever-famous Jenna Jameson, Tabu Nightlife has slipped to the back burner among collegiate club-goers. The sleeping giant of the Columbia club scene has been having a steady crowd of young professionals, and the amount of college kids who have been coming is growing, but not many on the

Carolina campus know much about the new club.

Tabu Nightlife opened with a three-day schedule, but recently stopped opening Thursday night due to lack of business. With several other clubs, including Club Element, nearby, Tabu was struggling to enter the college club scene. Friday nights are Ladies Night, where laides get in free. If you are under 21, there is a \$10 cover, and over 21 guys are only \$7. Ladies are \$5 on Saturday.

Once inside, the atmosphere itself is intoxicating. The loud music, the light show and lasers, and the two-story Buddha make you just want to jump on the dance floor. The dance floor is surrounded on both sides by VIP booths that enter right onto the floor. Also along the walls are small VIP tables, which sell for \$20 a night. There are two fully stocked bars, as well

as a kitchen.

The service at the bar is quick, even when the mob inside gets thirsty. Beverages start at \$4.75, a decent price but too much for many college students on a fixed income.

The kitchen serves up great sushi and other pan-Asian dishes, and all food is only \$8.

If you are under 21, never fear: the bartenders also know how to make a mean Shirley Temple. Non-alcoholic beverages are only \$2.50.

If you are thirsty and don’t want to wait by the crowded bars, Tabu offers three beer stations surrounding the dance floor to quinch your thirst. Beers are only \$3 for domestics and \$4 for imports. Also, for some adventure, there is an army of Jello shot girls walking around with

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syringes full of the trendy party-favor.

On Friday and Saturday nights, the internationally-known DJ Wyndell comes up from Charleston to spin his mixes of everything from Top 40 hits to international house music. The dance floor usually picks up around 11:30 and dies down right before close, which is 3 a.m. Friday night and 2 a.m. Saturday night. There are also two elevated mini-stages next to Buddah for the ladies to get up in and dance. There are two upstairs VIP lounges, and one is usually given away every weekend by 104.7FM.

Tabu Nightlife's overall atmosphere is good, and there is plenty of security around to make sure nothing happens to anyone. The dance floor is on fire on the weekends, and everyone comes in wearing the latest styles. Beware new club-goers: there is a dress code. No flip-flops or beachware, and guys have to wear collars and no hats. So go out and experience the newest club in Columbia's nightlife.

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(Matt Dunham / MCT Campus)

Mariah Carey passed Elvis Presley for most No. 1 singles on Billboard Hot 100 with her song 'Touch My Body'.

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different ... for me it's about saying, 'Thank you Lord, for giving me the faith to believe in myself when other people had written me off.'

"Touch My Body" is the first single off of Carey's upcoming album "EMC2," due out April 16. It is the follow-up to her Grammy-winning disc "The Emancipation of Mimi,"

released in 2005, that year's best-selling album with five million copies sold; it marked a huge comeback for the multiplatinum superstar after personal and professional setbacks.

Like that album, Carey said "EMC2" continues her sense of freedom and rebirth: "It's like emancipation of Mariah Carey to the second power and beyond."

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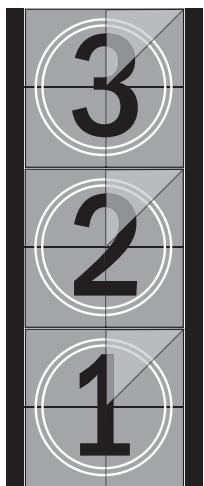
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Carolina needs to look up to find source of athletes' constant legal problems

Athletics director owns most of responsibility for run-ins with law among sports teams

In what has turned out to be a fairly frequent occurrence lately, two more Gamecock athletes were arrested this week. The story did not make front-page news immediately because the athletes were not members of the football team or men's basketball team, which receive much more media attention.

On Tuesday afternoon, two members of the women's basketball team were arrested in connection with financial card theft and possible drug related charges. Freshman Jasmine Payne and freshman Ashlie Billingslea had their dorm room searched by USCPD and then were subsequently arrested. Both players have been suspended



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from the team, and coach Susan Walvius has yet to comment on the situation. The headline of "Gamecock athletes arrested" has become an all too common one in the headlines of this newspaper and many other ones around the state and the nation. Over the past couple of years it seems that at least a few times a semester there is a story about an athlete getting in trouble for something, whether it is drinking, drugs, theft, skipping too much class or countless other charges. These problems aren't just coming from one sport either, seeing as athletes from football, basketball, baseball and swimming and diving have all gotten in trouble.

A large portion of the blame does need to go on the players themselves since they are the ones actually making these bad decisions. Something they need to realize though is that in this day and age of instant reporting of news coverage through the Internet and blogging, it makes it almost impossible to keep run-ins

with the law quiet anymore.

The rest of the blame I place squarely on the shoulders of the coaches, and more importantly, athletic director Eric Hyman. The coaches are the ones that recruit these players and spend time with them on almost a daily basis, so they should have an idea of what sort of character their athletes possess. Also, in some cases coaches act essentially as a parent figure to their players during the season, so they need to make sure they are guiding these athletes not just on the field, but off it as well.

I am not saying that our athletes need baby sitters to keep an eye on them, because they are all adults and are capable of making their own decisions. But at the same time, these athletes obviously need more supervision than they are currently receiving if they can't stay out of trouble.

The reason why Hyman comes in to play here is that he is the one responsible for the entire athletics department and all things related to it. Obviously, he is not making it clear enough to his coaches that they need to be more strict with their players in order to keep them out of the crime report.

When athletes know that they are going to get multiple chances to mess up before they are going to be in jeopardy of getting kicked off of their team, they are going to be more willing to take risks and put themselves in situations where something bad could happen.

While I support the idea that people deserve a second chance in life (especially 18-22 year olds), a different set of rules needs to be applied to athletes since they are public figures. Playing a sport at the University of South Carolina is a tremendous privilege, not a right, and maybe that needs to be stressed more by coaches to their athletes.

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USC downs Davidson

Big bats in the first, eighth innings lead to seven-run victory

Ty Zeigler
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The South Carolina baseball team (20-7) defeated the Davidson Wildcats (8-15) 9-2 Wednesday night at Sarge Frye Field.

The Gamecocks jumped on Davidson early and late in the game. They scored seven runs in the first inning and wouldn't score again until first baseman Justin Smoak and catcher Phil Disher hit very long home runs over the right and center field fences, respectively, in the eighth inning.

The home run by Smoak brought him into a tie for third place on USC's all-time home run list with 45. He is three home runs away from tying Hank Small's career record of 48.

Junior third baseman James Darnell drove in the first runs of the game with a three-run home run to left-center. Carolina would bat-around to stake a 7-0 lead at the end of the first inning.

Senior catcher Disher had one of the best statistical games of his career, going 4-for-5 with an RBI and one run scored.

Junior second baseman Andrew Crisp entered Wednesday night's game with a 19-game hitting streak, but failed to get a hit going 0-for-5.

Freshman Parker Bangs, who was recruited as a catcher but has only pitched so far in his collegiate career, made his presence known in his debut as a designated hitter. Bangs went 2-for-4 with a run scored and one RBI.

"I felt like we needed to get Parker some at-bats," Coach Ray Tanner said after the game. "Because he is a pretty good hitter. He will get some more opportunities."

Senior pitcher Sean Wideberg pitched a strong game for the Gamecocks going 5 and 2/3 innings



Sam Bennett / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

First baseman Justin Smoak posted two hits in the Gamecocks' midweek win.

giving up one earned run and striking out nine. His nine strikeouts were the highest single game total for any USC pitcher this season.

"It felt good to get back out there," Wideberg said.

Junior pitcher Alex Farotto relieved Wideburg in the top of the sixth and looked shaky to start, issuing a walk and hitting a batter to bring in Davidson's second run of the game. However, Farotto recovered by striking out the next batter to end the

Davidson threat.

"I think there is some guys down in that bullpen that can help us a little bit," Tanner said. "I was especially happy to see Alex Farotto have a couple of quality innings."

The Carolina bullpen would yield no more runs for the rest of the game.

Davidson starter Andy Bass was beat-up early giving up seven runs in the first inning and was relieved before finishing the inning. Bass pitched two-thirds of an inning and gave up

seven runs on six hits.

South Carolina's new men's basketball coach Darrin Horn threw out the first pitch, and he received a rousing ovation from the fans at Sarge Frye Field.

Next up for the Gamecocks is a three game weekend series against SEC-East rival Georgia in Athens.

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Eric Norwood makes a tackle during spring drills.

Spurrier wants more during spring practices

Despite high-flying catches from receivers, coach desires better, more intense performance from players during drills

Kevin Walker
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Gamecocks held their seventh spring practice of the year on a chilly Wednesday evening.

Per NCAA rules, teams are allowed to hold 15 practices during the

offseason. And while the team has completed half of its practice schedule, USC coach Steve Spurrier was hesitant to declare his fourth spring at Carolina a success.

"We've gotten a lot of snaps in and no one

seriously injured so that's good. We've still got a long way to go," Spurrier said.

"We'll wait and see how we play the games. It's still all practice. Hopefully it will translate into guys playing with more discipline and more effort."

Among the highlights of practice were a spirited set of 11 on 11 drills, where several wide receivers caught touchdown passes. Redshirt freshman Jason Barnes in particular caught Spurrier's eye.

"Jason Barnes made a few catches tonight," Spurrier said. "Maybe he's going to come around and be a ballplayer here."

Barnes, a Charlotte native, caught one pass in 2007 against South Carolina State but had to sit out a majority of the season after he was sidelined by a foot injury.

Sophomore wide receiver Dion Lecorn scored on a throwback which he ran into the end-zone, and junior tight end Jared Cook also made a touchdown catch.

Spurrier also noted that 2007 first-team All-SEC selection Kenny McKinley was progressing nicely in his recovery from offseason toe surgery. Last year McKinley caught nine touchdowns and nearly eclipsed the

1,000-yard receiving mark.

The Gamecocks hired two new coordinators for the 2008 season, bringing in Ray Rychleski from Maryland to coach special teams and Ellis Johnson from Arkansas to coach the defense. So far, Spurrier is pleased with what they've brought to the table this spring.

"I certainly like everything Ellis Johnson does. Our defense has a chance to be a lot better than we've been," Spurrier said. "And special teams can be better. We need to coach better and play better. If we do those two, we'll have a chance."

This weekend, USC will host the football coach's clinic which will be headlined by a current NFL head coach.

"John Gruden, Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach, Superbowl winning coach, he's going to be speaking here Friday night," Spurrier said. "Hopefully we can get a good turnout of high school coaches."

Carolina will resume its spring activities with another scrimmage 10 a.m. Saturday at Willams-Brice Stadium.

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Arrests, charges lead to two players' dismissals

Possession of marijuana, fraud, among allegations

Michael Aguilar
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Two freshman guards from the women's basketball team were suspended from the university and dismissed from the program after charges were filed in Richland County on Tuesday.

Ashlie Billingslea and Jasmine Payne were both charged with one count of financial transaction — credit card theft and one count of financial transaction — credit card fraud. The pair was also charged with one count of petty larceny, one count of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and one count of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute within one-half mile of a school.

According to USC spokesman Russ McKinney, charges were filed stemming

from an investigation by USCPD that started when someone reported a stolen wallet in the Blatt P.E. Center.

The victim reported \$25 and two credit cards lost. Investigation led USCPD to Billingslea and Payne's apartment after a \$407.91 charge at Walmart. After searching the pair's residence, police found 44 individual bags and 28.9 total grams of marijuana.

"This was a surprising event and certainly not indicative of the character of our team," USC coach Susan Walvius said.

"I appreciate the support from the university, and the athletic department is taking immediate action following a gathering of all the facts. My coaching staff and I are helping our team cope with these events, and we all look forward to re-focusing our attention on the upcoming season."

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Gamecocks stay hot on road at Winthrop

Following an away series sweep at Kentucky USC takes one in Rock Hill

Michael Finnegan
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The University of South Carolina softball team headed upstate to face the Winthrop Eagles Wednesday night. The Gamecocks will be heading back to Columbia in happy spirits as they defeated the Eagles by a score of 6-3. With the win, the Gamecocks move to 17-15 on the season, while the Eagles drop to 20-14 on the year.

The Gamecocks jumped up early on Winthrop as they played two and three runs in the second and third innings, respectively. In the second, the Gamecocks managed to score while only getting one hit. With one out, senior Becky Martinez was hit by a pitch. Two batters later, sophomore Cagney Davis hit a home run to center to send Martinez home and give the Gamecocks the early lead. It was Davis' first of the year.

After redshirt freshman pitcher Krystle Robinson retired the Eagles in order in the bottom of the second, USC kept the momentum going in the top of the

third.

Sophomore Adele Voigt and junior Ashton Payne started the inning with back-to-back singles. This got the Winthrop coach off the bench for a pitching change. After a wild pitch and a line out by sophomore Lindsay Walker, freshman Laura Mendes stepped up to the plate. She would score both runners and herself with a three run home run to center field. It was the Loxahatchee, Fla. resident's second of the year.

On the mound, South Carolina was led by the one-two punch of Robinson and senior Kate Pouliot. Robinson earned the win for the Gamecocks as she went four innings giving up two earned runs on five hits while striking out one and walking no one. With the win, her record moves to 7-5 on the year.

After the Eagles got to Robinson in the fourth, Joyce Compton countered with Pouliot. The Fountain Inn, S.C. native kept the Eagles at bay going three innings, scattering five hits and only giving up one earned run. With her performance, she earned her first save of the year.

USC was led by its top three batters who all recorded at least two hits. The first three batters went a combined 8-for-12 with three runs and four of the



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Softball has a lot to cheer about since it started its rebound from close losses.

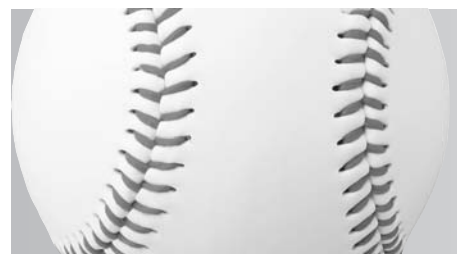
six RBIs.

Winthrop's top of the lineup was equally as good. Winthrop's top four hitters went seven for 15 with two runs and two RBIs.

The key inning for the Gamecocks was Winthrop's bottom of the fifth inning. After scoring two runs in the fourth, Winthrop looked to have seized the momentum. The Eagles loaded the bases with no outs. USC would get the first out with a force at home. After Winthrop's Mallory Hogan knocked home Tessa Thomas, the Gamecocks forced a double play. The Gamecocks escaped the inning when Pouliot got Lenny Stoddart to groundout to second.

The Gamecocks return to SEC play this weekend by hosting SEC West rival Auburn.

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The Gamecocks travel to Georgia this weekend to play the Bulldogs at Foley Field.

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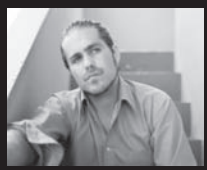
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